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ASSIGNMENTS FOR DEPARTMENTS OF THE REICHSBAHN DIRECTORATE BERLIN
FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS OF 1951

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Assignments for the second quarter 1951 for departments of the Reichsbahn Directorate Berlin included the following:

Department II (Passenger Traffic)

Fortnightly travel of time-schedule planners over the lines in order to solve the following tasks:

Exchange of experiences with field office personnel concerning time schedule planning and its shortcomings

On-the-spot control of punctual train traffic and correct train formation

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On-the-spot elimination of mistakes without bureaucratic correspondence

Determination of the best time for train operations by polling passengers and accepting complaints in stations and trains.

Department IV (Locomotive Service)

Further installation of grate adapters for brown coal firing (Totes Feuerbett): (a) in all switchers before 15 May 1951; (b) in passenger locomotives, series 38, by those railroad operation plants which are supplied with brown coal briquettes only.

Testing of the new fire-screen bricks for coal-dust locomotives in order to achieve regular use of coal-dust locomotives in express passenger traffic by 20 May 1951, the date of change of train schedules.

Introduction of testing of boiler feed water by means of areometer testing of water density.

Increased installation of spark arrester equipment, type Ostermann-Biesen-Goetze-Merker.

Completion of:

Chemical deacidulation installation for locomotives at the Seddin railroad operations plant by 1 May 1951

Boiler washing installation at Frankfurt/Oder shunting station by 30 April 1951

Four-spindle axle drop pit at Frankfurt/Oder shunting station by 31 May 1951

Foundation and assembly of boiler for the heating plant at Frankfurt/Oder by 15 May 1951

Pumps and repair of wells for water supply at Frankfurt/Oder during April and May 1951

Construction plans for de-icing and water treatment installations for Frankfurt/Oder by 15 May 1951

Assembly of crane for coaling station at Brandenburg-Alt by 1 May 1951

Assembly of water column, foundation for pumps, excavation work for and laying of pipelines for water supply at Rathenow.

Department VI (Construction and Investments)

Welding of 15-meter-long rail sections into 30-meter-long sections over a track sector of 15 kilometers in order to recover rail fastenings and joint ties.

Scrap salvage through dismantling of fences made of steel ties.

Completion of the Southern Outer Belt Line for resumption of traffic operations.

Completion of the Gruenau-Koenigswusterhausen line, of the second track of the Rummelsburg-Karlshorst line, and of the by-pass siding at Zepernick to resume ~~enable~~ resumption of electric operations.

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Department VII (Safety and Communications)

Completion of safety aspects of Gruenau-Koenigswusterhausen construction project by 29 April 1951 (date of test run).

Completion of safety aspects of Southern Outer Belt Line construction project by 1 July 1951 (date of opening of line).

Priority purchase of real-estate property at Kuestrin, Frankfurt/Oder, and the Southern Outer Belt Line within the scope of means available.

Department XVI (Personnel)

Increased use of women in operational service.

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Assignments planned for departments of the Reichsbahn Directorate Berlin for the third quarter 1951 included the following:

Department I (Operations)

Formation of a minimum of 25 above-norm-weight freight trains daily with an above-norm weight of at least 30 percent.

Check what improvements on installations are necessary to render the following lines suitable for train speeds up to 120 kilometers per hour: Berlin-Frankfurt/Oder, Berlin-Rathenow, Berlin-Wiesenburg, Berlin-Justerbog, Berlin-Wuersdorf, Berlin-Brand, Berlin-Brandenburg, Berlin-Eberswalde, and Berlin-Neustrelitz.

Department IV (Locomotive Service)

Solution of the spare parts problem at the Reichsbahn repair yard at Dessau.

Technical supervision, testing and repair of tanking installations at Neuruppin, Brandenburg, Brandenburg-Alt, Marienfelde, and Anhalter Bahnhof.

Continuation of work on water supply installations at Frankfurt/Oder: (a) construction of water-treating plant; (b) setting up of tanks.

Continuation of work on the heating plant at Frankfurt/Oder shunting station: (a) assembly of the boiler; (b) connecting pipes.

Continuation of work on the water supply installations at Rathenow: (a) procurement and laying of pipelines; (b) erection of the water column.

Overhaul of:

Car retarders at Seddin
Coal crane at Veltan
Turntable at Brandenburg railroad operation plant
Transfer table at Karlshorst railroad operation plant
Transfer table at Markgrafendamm railroad operation plant (urban railroad).

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Department VI (Construction and Investments)

Electrification of the Spandau-Falkensee, Falkensee-Staaken, and Lichterfeld-Teltow lines.

Continuation of work on the Southern Outer Freight Belt around Berlin.

Welding of another 15 kilometers of track into 30-meter long rail sections.

Ballast cleaning along another 70 kilometers of track.

Procurement of 86 5-ton and 10-ton winches and 70 gasoline drums for the track tramping machines in order to mechanize trackwork.

Department XIII (Law and Administration)

Priority procurement of real-estate property at the Southern Outer Freight Belt around Berlin, at Kuestrin-Kietz, and at Frankfurt/Oder within the limit of means available.

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